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BEETHOVEN'S EXAMPLE

Perhaps it is human to travel the highways of least resistance. It must be a natural inclination for any of us to do so as far as possible. We don't do the things we dislike to do unless there is some force, seen or unseen, behind us to urge us forward. In selecting an occupation, for example, we choose a line of work which we enjoy. We tell ourselves we are successful, better in that work because we like it. We don't admit we have taken it by preference because we think it will be easier for us. Many of us make a success in our chosen occupations or professions because we say, we like the work. We do not consider that we might have made an even greater success in a work which at the beginning, we did not like.

History offers a number of striking examples of men who made great success in a work they thought at the beginning they could not enjoy, but overcame the primary obstacles and ultimately became deeply interested in it, achieving success unbounded. One of these was Ludwig Van Beethoven, the greatest orchestral composer of the nineteenth century. Although he came of a musical family he announced early in life that he did not care for music. His father, however, forced it upon him. Young Beethoven, however, would storm and stamp his feet when required to take his lessons and indulge in unnecessary practices. It was not long, however, until he became reconciled to a musical career and the world knows the rest.

THE POOR ARE HEARD.

The London poor have a grievance. It is not against their "betters", because most of the wealth of the country has been absorbed by the "dissolves", but because the London poor are tired of being used as laboratory exhibits in the great, uplifting work of social reform. It seems that the government has officially taken over the pastime of "stunning" and lodged it in the hands of stigmatized "visitors" who may invade any man's "castle" at any time in the interest of public health. The lower classes, so-called, have always viewed askance the paternalistic visitor, as one learns from reading Dickens, but there was the alternative. If the good man of the house didn't like to be bothered he could throw the visitor out and have the law on his side.

This he no longer can do. The government itself has gone in strong for paternalism, for making the "shuns" a better and more habitable place, and it is now impossible to eject the intruder after he has shown his badge on at least it is unwise to do so. There is much discontent and protest, and not a few sane persons who recognize the impossibility of changing the habits of a people by law have arrayed themselves on the side of the "poor." It seems to be a supplement to an old system. Even the government cannot stick its nose into the private affairs of the people without getting twisted, if only in a figurative way.

BRYAN'S POSITION.

Some persons believed William Jennings Bryan would accept the presidential nomination of the prohibition party. These people didn't understand Bryan. There are two reasons why Bryan did not accept the nomination. The first reason is that the Commener is too good a democrat. The second reason is that he knew the total of his votes in November would be so insignificant as to cause his political ruin. In the first case one respects him for being a good sport and a game loser. In the second case we respect him for his sound judgement. We don't agree with Bryan politically, but we admit he is a potential factor in American politics. Bryan could today ruin the democratic party, but he will not, because, as he says, "I will not desert the party that has thrice accorded me the highest honor within its power to give." The party is dead, Bryan knows that, but as one of the mourners, the Nebraska does not feel it is his place to bury it.

SHALL WOMEN PROPOSE?

More and more it becomes evident that a great and solemn referendum is needed to settle the question, "Shall women propose?" This matter is as leap year—has been agitating men and women for more than six months. When 1920 opened, newspapers over the country called attention to the fact that it was leap year, and suggested and even advise women to tackle men who were hanging back, and see that they did their duty and assumed the burden of marriage. It was urged that women boldly propose to men and see that they gave the right answer—an affirmative. There is no person quite so much a snigger as a sniggerish bachelor, and if he does not possess the nerve to ask a woman to marry him, then it is the right of the woman to demand that he marry her and see that he does. Weak arguments have been offered against women proposing, folks say it is unwomanly, that it belittles the girl, and a lot of nonsense like that. If persons will look at the matter reasonably and realize that it is the duty of every healthy person to have a mate through life, they will understand that it is as much a woman's right to request a man to marry her as it is the man's right to put the big question to her. Wherefore, we repeat, it is the duty of the woman to do the proposing where men show an inclination to hang back or are bashful. If left to a referendum, we feel that the woman's right to propose would be sanctioned.

To avoid complications, it is well to announce here that we have a wife at present.

For a man who wasn't running you'll have to admit that Mr. McAdoo made a pretty good fight for the nomination.

It wasn't necessary to deny that Mr. Gumpers had criticized the democratic national platform. He is entirely too good a democrat to do that, no matter what was in it.

AFFECTION FOR OFFICER SHOWN

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

DE RHAN, South Africa, June 24.—The chief of the Zulu nation, his ringed headmen and many minor chiefs recently assembled in the court house at Mactung and delivered speeches of affection and esteem for Lord Sydney Charles Huxton, retiring governor-general of South Africa and Lady Huxton, who accompanied him on the farewell visit. There was an enthusiastic demonstration.

The court house was packed with the courtly identified Zulus, some of them in frock coats and wearing medals received for bravery in the war, but others, also wearing medals won in European battlefields, were clad only in the primitive Zulu tash.

Chief Mzimwanda, son of Cete wasco, a chief of the royal Zulu blood, voiced his thanks for "the beneficent British rule." Then Chief Mzimwanda spoke. He said:

"The Zulus gave assistance in the war and if assistance is needed again they are prepared to die for their king and country."

"RED PRINCE" DEAD; WAS NORED GERMAN

(Correspondence Associated Press)

BERLIN, July 3.—The death of Prince Heinrich zu Salm-Salm, 40th, known in former court circles as "the red prince" because of his democratic proclivities, has just occurred.

He became known to the public by the determined stand he made against all reactionary legislation, especially the anti-socialist law of the eighties, for which he was threatened with disciplinary military punishment. First a member of the conservative party, the prince nevertheless often gave his vote to progressive and socialist measures, and he joined the newly formed Democratic League soon after the revolution of 1918. The prince was also well known for his philanthropic and charitable works.

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION IN NYE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA

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